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Applicants : Robert J. Ternansky et al.
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For : INHIBITORS OF THE ICE/ced-3 FAMILY OF CYSTEINE
PROTEASES

Examiner : David Lukton
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

By Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, the Examiner has entered a two-way Restriction Requirement; namely, claims 1-26 drawn to compounds (Group I) and claims 27-36 drawn to methods of using the compounds of Group I (Group II).

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group I compound claims (*i.e.*, claims 1-26) for examination at this time. In addition, for purpose of initial examination only, Applicants hereby elect the species of Compound No. 1, disclosed on page 35 of the specification. Claim 1 is generic to this species, while claims 2, 3, 12, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 read thereon.

In view of the foregoing, consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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